A.—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

It has been the policy of Government to encourage and develop leather industry as one of the important cottage industries in the State and this policy has been implemented under the Three-Year Development Plan.

As for organising the leather industry on a factory scale, this is an industry which should rightly fall in private sector and Government have already extended a considerable measure of support to the Mysore Chrome Tanning Company, Ltd., and will be glad to extend the necessary facilities to any other private interests that may come forward.

Swatantrapalya near Sreerampuram Extension, Bangalore.

Q.—416. **Sri V. R. NAIDU** (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Swatantrapalya near Srirampuram Extension in Bangalore City belongs to the Revenue Department or the Municipality;

(*b*) the number of huts in Swathanthrapalya and the number of persons dwelling there;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the inhabitants of this Palya are experiencing difficulties for want of water and lighting facilities;

(*d*) if so, what action will be taken to provide water, lighting and housing facilities immediately for the inhabitants there?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government)—

(*a*) The area was acquired by the erstwhile Bangalore City Municipality on behalf of the Maharaja Mills for housing the Mill labourers in 1942. The extent is 13 acres and 32 guntas. The Mill authorities have paid Rs. 25,233-14-0 for the acquisition. There were about 80 to 90 huts while the erstwhile Municipal Council took position of the land. The Mill authorities appeared to have refused to take possession of the land unless vacant possession was given to the Mill authorities by the Municipality. In the meanwhile, on account of the communal disturbances in 1947, a large number of huts sprung up and people started occupying the land unauthorizedly. The entire area is now full of huts.

(*b*) There are about 1,200 huts in the area and about 6,500 persons are living in these huts.

(*c*) This is an unauthorised lay-out and no civic amenities have been provided by the Corporation. However, a few public fountains and a flushout lavatory have been provided for the use of the residents of Swathanthrapalya just at the Corporation boundary.

(*d*) This is not a Municipal lay-out and unless the purpose of the acquisition is changed and a regular lay-out is formed, it is not possible to provide water and lighting facility to the are aat Municipal cost. No taxes are being collected by the Corporation on these huts.

Munsiff's Court to Kadur.

Q.—422. **Sri Y. M. CHANDRASEKHARIAH** (Kadur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any request has been made for the grant of a Munsiff's Court at Kadur;

(*b*) whether Government intend to to give a court to Kadur?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) There is at present no proposal in this matter.

Provision of Drinking Water in Chikkahalli Village, Heggadadevankote Taluk.

Q.—462. **Sri H. K. SHIVARUDRAPPA** (Gundlupet—Heggadadevanakote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of drinking water in Chikkahalli Village, Heggaddevanakote Taluk;